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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1313**

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Mr. Matthew Welbes  
Federal Transit Administration  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Welbes:

I am proud to support Connect Transit's application for the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2017 Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle program.

Connect Transit is the primary public transit system servicing the Bloomington-Normal community, and has continuously provided safe, affordable, reliable, and accessible service to a population of over 130,000 residents. This organization continues to invest in innovative technologies and strategies, and its application for this funding furthers this strategy, as it will purchase four electric buses Program to replace diesel buses that have exceeded a useful life of 12 years.

Connect Transit has established strong local public/private partnerships that work seamlessly together to create a community that fosters economic growth and increased quality of life. The award of this funding supports the core objectives of the Low-No Vehicle Program, transitioning Connect Transit's aging fleet to energy-efficient, low-polluting vehicles.

For these reasons, this Connect Transit application has my full support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis  
Member of Congress

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